



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Donation of Vehicle by Countryside and Implementation of Community Service Officers

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office has implemented a new program to enhance service to the community. This program recently kicked off with the donation of a new vehicle, a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox, from Countryside Auto Group in Beaver Dam. The new program allows the sheriff's office to hire young men and women on a part-time basis whose goal is to become a full-time patrol deputy in the future. They will be given responsibilities that in the past have normally been done by full-time patrol deputies but could be done by civilian staff instead. Some of those things include traffic control and direction, handling of minor complaints such as animal bite complaints, parking violations, abandoned vehicles and property, etc. This will allow our deputies to focus more on tasks such as investigation of criminal matters, traffic enforcement and crash reduction and other tasks that can only be addressed by someone with their training and qualifications.

The Community Service Officers will also be at the forefront of our community policing efforts. They will be tasked with working with community members on identifying solutions to community problems and concerns. Some of these activities may include facilitating community watch programs or working with neighborhoods to facilitate crime prevention initiatives.

The first Community Service Officers selected are also currently members in the Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Post and have taken the next step into their current roles. They are Easton Meier and Scott Anderson, both of Beaver Dam.

We thank Countryside Auto Group for making this venture possible with their donation to the sheriff's office. They continue to be excellent partners in our efforts and we could not have made this possible without their generosity and support.

Photos Attached – Pictured from Left to Right: Scott Anderson, Easton Meier, Keith Ghanian (President of Countryside Auto Group), Sheriff Dale Schmidt

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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